

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5355

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Regarding initial levy rates for rural county library districts.

**Sponsors:** Senator Haugen.

**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**  
**House Committee on Local Government & Housing**

**Background:** A rural county library district is a library serving all the area of a county not included within the area of incorporated cities and towns. Any city or town with a population of 100,000 or less at the time of annexation, however, may be included in the rural county library district. Establishing a rural county library district requires a petition to be signed by at least 10 percent of the registered voters of the county who voted in the last general election. The county legislative authority places the proposition on the ballot for vote by the people living within the designated county at the next succeeding general or special election.

**Summary:** The maximum initial levy rate for the creation of a rural county library district may be included as part of the petition. If included in the petition, the proposed initial maximum levy rate must also be included in the ballot proposition. The initial levy rate may not exceed the rate limit set in statute or, if applicable, the initial maximum levy rate specified in the ballot proposition approved by the voters.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	42	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	46	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 26, 2009

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